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**STATUTORY & REGULATORY INITIATIVES WORKGROUP**

**Minutes**  
**Meeting of 1/26/04**

**Present:**

Brian Rude, Dairyland Power Coop., Workgroup Chair (by phone)  
Forrest Ceel, IBEW Local 2150

**Observers:**

Catherine Boies, Customers First! Coalition  
Robert Cramer, Dept. of Administration  
Linda Hajek, Cullen Weston Pines & Bach LLP  
Sarah Justus, State Budget Office  
Rebecca Larson, Xcel (by phone)  
John Marx, Dept. of Administration  
Martin Romero, Dept. of Administration

Keith Reopelle was not available for this meeting and asked to be kept better informed about the workgroup's meeting schedule to enable his participation.

The minutes of the 1-13-04 meeting were approved.

**Efficiency Standards:** SB 111 – Discussion took place about building codes and how the Division of State Facilities meets and maintains these for state facilities. Both the Dept. of Commerce, for private facilities, and the Div. of State Facilities, for state facilities, have code committees that periodically review changes to various standards and discuss adoption. Sarah Justus indicated that the pertinent question regarding this legislation is the timing of adoption. SB 111 would require DSF to adopt changes to building codes more rapidly, rather than waiting for review by the DSF code committee. This would be a time intensive process, requiring one full time position for monitoring code changes and educating architects and engineers about new adoptions. The workgroup had

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several questions about SB 111 including the fiscal impact of the bill and the treatment of facilities leased by the state. It was decided to further discuss SB 111 at the next workgroup meeting.

Conservation/Lighting Systems and Regulations: SB 112 – Workgroup had many questions regarding this bill including its intent, fiscal impact and Dept. of Commerce's comments on the bill. DOA will contact DOC for comments and research DOC's comments from the April 2003 Senate Energy Committee hearing. It was decided to further discuss SB 112 at the next workgroup meeting.

Public Benefits Legislative Oversight: This entails legislative oversight of executive agency decisions on the expenditures of Public Benefits funds. Workgroup discussed whether there is a need to mandate this oversight now versus waiting until Administrative Model and Funding sub-committee presents its recommendations regarding a revised program model. Workgroup decided to defer this issue to the Administrative Model and Funding sub-committee.

State Energy Usage: The following three can be grouped as one:

1. State government energy usage reduction goals;
2. State facilities flagship program; and
3. Encouraging state government purchase of renewables.

Information was provided regarding the Focus on Energy Schools and Government Program, Wisconsin state government energy initiatives and the potential cost of renewable energy use by state government.

The workgroup believes that the state is on track with regard to a state facilities flagship program. 4.7% of the energy used statewide currently comes from renewable resources, including hydro. Discussion took place regarding the State of Wisconsin's use of renewable energy and setting goals for the state as an energy user, and the ability of each utility to provide the renewable energy through green pricing. Workgroup also discussed Governor's Doyle's policy

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statement regarding renewable energy use in government offices. Dialogue continued regarding the 85ethanol/15gasoline vehicles purchased by the state. John Marx will obtain fleet data and provide for next workgroup meeting. Cathy Boies will inquire about the process to request a bill draft, using Governor Doyle's policy statement as a framework.

DNR Approval Process for Small-Scale Environmentally Friendly Projects: The new Job Creation Act should help small-scale projects by compressing timelines in the DNR permitting process. Depending upon how these small-scale projects are classified, this should help expedite the review process. The agencies involved will promulgate rules for the Job Creation Act over the next 12-18 months. Workgroup to draft a letter to Secretary Hassett requesting that the DNR give specific consideration to small-scale environmentally friendly generation projects as the Job Creation Act is promulgated.

Next meeting of this workgroup is February 10, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at Cullen Weston Pines & Bach LLP, 122 W. Washington Avenue, Ste. 900, Madison, Wisconsin, 53703.